REMARKS

The comments of the applicant below are preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

3. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brissette et al (US 6,384,634, cited previously).

Claim 28 has been cancelled. The rejection to claim 28 is moot in view of the cancellation.

4. Claims 2, 4-17, 19-27, 29, and 30 are allowed.

The applicant thanks the examiner for allowing claims 2, 4-17, 19-27, 29, and 30.

Canceled claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any circumstance in which the applicant has addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner. Any circumstance in which the applicant has made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims. Any circumstance in which the applicant has amended or canceled a claim does not mean that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claims.

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